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1. [] Talked with Dorothy Fosdick in connection with S. 2252, the Communications Reciprocity Act. I gave the general background of the Act and the purpose. I explained the position of the legislation today and inquired if Senator Jackson would be willing to assist with Senator Magnuson on this. Later Miss Fosdick advised that the Senator was very much interested in this and felt that it should be given every possible support. Consequently, since Senator Magnuson is out of town, Senator Jackson moved into the picture consulting with various people including the staff who were conducting the polling requested by Senator Pastore. It appears that these efforts were successful since Miss Fosdick told me that in all likelihood the bill would be reported favorably by the Committee tomorrow.

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2. [] David Martin, Staff Assistant to Senator Thomas J. Dodd, called and said the Senator was appearing on a television program with Senators Capehart, McGee and Smathers and David Susskind on Sunday and desired such information as we had concerning the types and number of Soviet military items which the Cubans had received and also the number of Soviet personnel in Cuba. I advised Martin I seriously doubted we could be of any assistance in this but I would look into the matter.

Quite by chance, I accosted Senator Dodd in the Senate Office Building and mentioned Martin's inquiry. The Senator said that Martin should not have contacted us on this, that he did not desire any classified information and had told Martin he wanted information from press sources. Dodd said he appreciated the problems involved, he had talked with the President about the Cuban situation and that he did not in any way wish to interfere. He added as an aside he was sorry he "ever got involved in this."

Later in the day, I told Martin of my conversation with Senator Dodd and repeated the fact that we were unable to be of any assistance on this item and referred him to statements by the President and the State Department which appeared in the press. Martin thanked me and did not press the matter further. Martin did mention, however, that the Senator has recently been in close touch with the White House and the State Department on the Congo situation and that all three seemed to be in accord concerning this problem. Martin added it was nice to be in this position for a change.

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25X1 1. [] Talked with Jack Leahy, Congressional Relations of State Department, about the status of H.R. 11732 (the Communications Act amendment) insofar as the Senate is concerned. Leahy said Chairman Magnuson does not plan to call another meeting of the Committee prior to adjournment. (He fears that if he does so the Committee will bring to a vote several bills which he does not want reported.) Leahy advised, however, that Senator Pastore is going to attempt to get Magnuson's permission to poll the Committee on H.R. 11732 in order to get the bill to the Senate floor for a vote. I asked Leahy if there was anything we could do to help within the areas of our agreement on this bill. Leahy said he thought not, unless someone knew Senator Pastore personally.

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